Grand Jury Said To Hear Helms On Chile Coup

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Former Central Intelligence Agency director Richard Helms testified yesterday before a federal grand jury investigating U.S. involvement in the overthrow of the government of Chilean President Salvador Allende, National Public Radio reported.

Helms' testimony concerned the role of the International Telephone and Telegraph Corp. in the Chilean affair, the report said.

A Justice Department source confirmed that Helms had been scheduled to testify.

Helms pleaded no contest recently to charges of not testifying fully and accurately to a Senate committee about CIA involvement in Chile. He received a suspended sentence and a $2,000 fine.

Officials of ITT have conceded the corporation gave financial assistance to opponents of Allende in 1973.